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JOSEPH LEEDS TO BE LET OUT.

BUSINESS MEN'S LEAGUE DROPS
ITS TRAFFIC MANAGER.

FOUND HIM TOO COSTLY.

Merchants' Exchange Found Out First
and Refused to Contribute Part
of His \$10,000 Salary.

The Executive Committee of the Business Men's League will meet Thursday afternoon. It is reported that the most important action of the committee will be the dropping of Joseph Leeds as Traffic Manager of the League.

It is stated on the best of authority that his connection with the League will be severed at the meeting.

Joseph S. Leeds was formerly Traffic Manager of the Missouri Pacific.

He was appointed Traffic Manager of the League two years ago at a salary of \$10,000 a year. Of this amount \$1,500 a year was contributed by the Merchants' Exchange.

In return Mr. Leeds acted as Secretary of the Transportation Committee of the Merchants' Exchange.

The agreement by which he was to serve both the Business Men's League and the Merchants' Exchange was entered into on May 15, 1895.

At the beginning of the present year the Business Men's League decided, to use the language of a member, that "it was paying too much money to the traffic manager considering the meager results obtained."

An effort was made to have the Merchants' Exchange pay half of Mr. Leeds' enormous salary.

It was proposed that a joint traffic bureau be formed by the Business Men's League and the Merchants' Exchange, each organization to pay half of the expense.

The amount to be set aside was \$15,000 a year. This was to be turned over to the Traffic Manager, who was to use it to conduct the office and pay his own salary.

The Merchants' Exchange balked and refused to indorse the proposition.

Prominent members protested that Mr. Leeds had not achieved any results for the Exchange. This sentiment became so general that the committee was reappointed Secretary of the Transportation Committee.

It is said that the action of the Merchants' Exchange in deciding that Mr. Leeds was not worth \$1,500 a year to them opened the eyes of the members of the Business Men's League and they too have decided to drop him.

A prominent member of the Business Men's League who is not a member of the Executive Committee said Thursday:

"Of course the committee has not yet taken any definite action. The matter is practically settled. It looks very much as if Jo Leeds will have to go. I cannot speak more definitely, but I will not say that the stories going around are untrue. Mr. Leeds knows exactly what has been done and what will be done."

Mr. Leeds when seen said:

"I can say nothing until definite action is taken. I haven't left St. Louis yet, have I? If my connections with the League is severed I'll let you know about it. Until then I have nothing to say."

BUTLER'S TRIAL.

Extra Precautions Being Taken by the
British Authorities to Secure
Extradition.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 11.—Another complaint has been filed against Butler, alias Ashe, the alleged Australian cut-throat, by Consul-General J. W. Warburton, formally charging him with the murder of Arthur Preston in Australia, praying for a warrant for Butler's arrest and a decree of extradition after examination. The new complaint is an extreme precaution against the result of failure to make out a case in the present extradition proceedings before United States Commissioner Headcock. It is supposed that even if the accusation that Butler murdered Weller should fall through, Butler could be held in custody until the second charge may be capable of stronger proof. The Consul-General, however, has no reasonable doubt that he can prove the pending charges.

The examination of the second accusation will begin when the pending examination is concluded, and even if the decision of the commissioner goes against Butler it will be necessary to hold the other examination. This will delay Butler's extradition. Attorney Fildes, one of Butler's counsel, has filed a suit in replevin in the Justice Court here to recover possession of Butler's effects. Fildes claims to be the owner from a bill of sale from his client. The United States Marshal is sued for the personal property. The police charge that by this action Fildes lays himself open to the accusation of being a purchaser or possessor of stolen goods, many of Butler's effects being supposed to be the property of the murdered Captain Lee Weller.

The evidence of the British Government has not been concluded in the examination in regard to the Weller murder and the indications are that no decision will be reached before next week. The documents which were introduced at the hearing to show that all legal requirements had been complied with, the original of the advertisement which drew Weller to his death, was also introduced and the prosecution charged that the handwriting was that of the prisoner.

MOUNTAINS OF ICE.

They Have Shut Off Evansville's Water Supply.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Feb. 11.—Evansville is without water. No defense against ice remains except a water supply from wells and private cisterns. Mountains of ice forced up the river bank by the gorge last night rendered the water works supply pipes useless. They cannot be repaired until after a thaw. The water is threatening great damage to the city.

SECRETARY FRANCIS TO BE INVESTIGATED.

His Action in Giving President Cleveland's Father-in-Law 23,000 Acres of Florida Lands May Be Inquired Into by a Senate Committee.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11.—Secretary Francis is to be investigated by the Senate Committee on Public Lands. The resolution calling for an investigation of the Perrine land grant was presented to the Senate this afternoon by Senator Pettigrew. It provides for the appointment of a sub-committee to investigate the Secretary's action in giving to President Cleveland's father-in-law 23,000 acres of valuable Florida lands. The committee is to be given full power to send for persons and papers, to examine witnesses and to make its report to the Senate. Because the resolution provided for an expenditure of money, it had to go over until to-morrow. It will be called up during the morning hour by Senator Pettigrew. He proposes to push the resolution until it is adopted.

In this movement for an investigation of Secretary Francis, Senator Pettigrew is backed by the Democratic Senators from the West and Southwest. They propose to see that the investigation demanded is not choked off. If there is an attempt to sidetrack it, a lively scrimmage will follow.

The Democrats are determined that the fullest publicity shall be given every detail of the Secretary's action on this particular claim, and even though the Republicans and gold Democrats combine to prevent the adoption of the resolution, the debate that will follow will include every phase of the deal whereby the Perrine heirs get, in the far-end of the Administration, at the hands of an eleventh hour Secretary, 23,000 acres of land on a claim which no Secretary since 1852 has dared to touch.

This Perrine incident affords an opportunity to show up some of the methods and men of the present Administration. That Senators who are opposed to it intend to ventilate the whole matter fully is evident.

It is claimed that it will be shown how Flagler, the transportation king of Florida, is interested in this claim, and how he worked it through by securing the influence of the President's father-in-law, whose word seems to have been law with Secretary Francis.

SECRET AID.

De Lome Charges Sugar Trust Members and Other Merchants With Helping Cuba.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11.—Minister Dupuy De Lome of the Spanish Embassy has filed charges with the State Department that the Cuban Junta has received large sums of money recently from American industries. This money, it is charged, is intended to promote the cause of the insurgents.

Notable among those included in the list as having secretly subscribed to the cause of Cuba Libre are members of the Sugar Trust and prominent tobacco merchants. Their interest in the matter is said to be purely a commercial one. They want to have the favor of the insurgents should they win.

BOSS CRAVENS' BIG BILL.

Colored Ward Politician Must Pay His Stenographer.

Monroe Cravens, the colored Republican boss of the Fifteenth Ward, confessed judgment for \$125 in favor of C. C. Cowen, a stenographer, in Judge Valliant's Court Wednesday afternoon. Cravens is the rival of Chief Eagle Eph Houston, who contested the Fifteenth Ward seat in the House of Delegates with George Sippel in 1888. He employed Cowen to take depositions in the proceedings. He lost his case and failed to pay Cowen, who filed suit in Justice Court. Cravens' bill rendered shows how expensive it is to employ a stenographer. For two full days and one-half hours shorthand work Cravens charged \$1 an hour; for transcribing 11 pages from shorthand notes he charged 50 cents a page; for attesting 70 cents a page; for a certificate, and he administered as a Notary 144 oaths at 5 cents an oath. The total came to \$125.30 and he was paid \$25 cash by Cravens, leaving \$100.30 due.

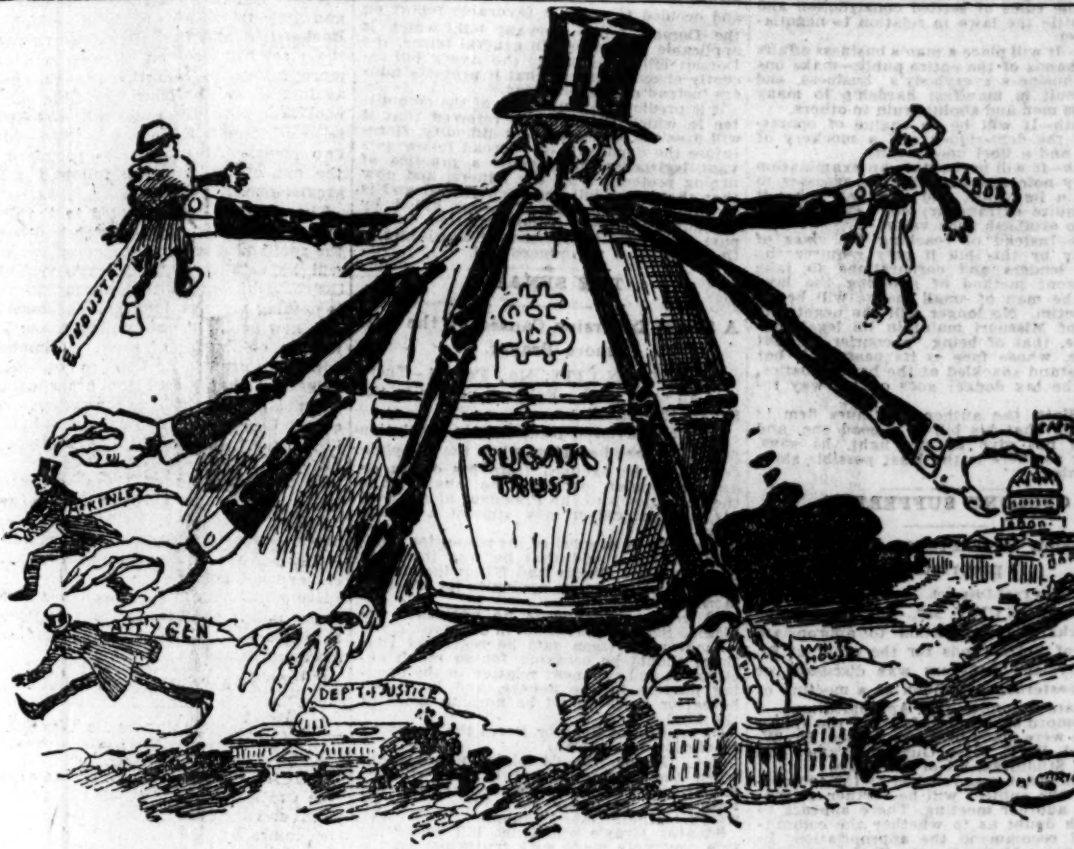
CARSON GETS IT.

Stuart Says the Big Fight Will Be There.

CARSON, Nev., Feb. 11.—Carson will have the fight. Dan Stuart has so announced.



ELIHA DYER, JR.,
In the costume in which he led the big cotillion at Mrs. Bradley Martin's ball last night.



THIS OCTOPUS MAKES 100 PER CENT OVERNIGHT.

BOLD WORK OF BRUTAL THIEVES.

THE AGED MRS. GEISER OF WASH
STREET ROBBED OF \$130.

IT WAS A DAYLIGHT ASSAULT.

Roughs Handle the Helpless Old Lady
Shamefully and Her Condition
Is Now Serious.

Mrs. Jessie Geiser, 81 years old, is sick in bed at her home, 1837 Wash. street, and almost unable to talk, as the result of an assault and robbery committed Wednesday afternoon.

The old lady has been in very delicate health for more than a year and is so weakened by the shock and violence that she is almost distracted. Her throat is swollen and sore from the choking administered by her assailants.

Mrs. Geiser lives in a big, old-fashioned house, which stands on a high terrace, about fifteen feet back from the street. With her five sons and three daughters, she is the regular custom, the hired girl took her afternoon off Wednesday, leaving the house about 2:30 o'clock. The two young boys were at school and the oldest, Eddie, had gone to call on his married brother, who was sick.

The old lady was seated in her rocking chair, at the front window, on the second floor. As the hired girl crossed Nineteenth street to Morgan, to take the cars, she looked back and waved her hand at the old lady in the window. She had not been gone five minutes when the door opened and Mrs. Geiser answered it. She had been expecting a man to fix the lock on the front door, so she opened it and the assailants, not suspecting any danger.

She opened the door only a little way and said:

"Eddie is gone out; you must come again."

One of the men who had rung the bell pushed the door open and replied:

"We don't want to see Eddie; we want to talk to you; open the door."

Nothing more was said just then. One man forced her back and both men stepped into the hall. The first man grasped Mrs. Geiser by the throat and held her against the wall just inside the door. The other one closed the door and went directly upstairs.

While the second man was upstairs the first still holding the frail old lady with one hand, opened the parlor door, which is just at the right of the hall, and half dragged and half carried her in the parlor.

It was only a few moments before the second man returned from the room above the upper floors. When he came down his companion said:

"Did you get it?"

"Yes; got it all."

Then both drew revolvers and held them ready to point at the trembling old woman should she move or make the least outcry. They said nothing to her, but stood in the hall just beside the parlor door, with the front door slightly ajar.

They waited for a moment to let two suburban cars go by. Then they quickly stepped out and shut the door after them. Mrs. Geiser sat in the parlor in a dazed condition for probably half an hour, and then found her way upstairs and threw herself upon her bed. Perhaps an hour later her son Eddie returned and was informed of what had happened. He called the police of the affair, but so far nothing has developed.

Mrs. Geiser could not talk Thursday morning on account of the soreness of her throat, from the choking she received. She could only nod or shake her head in reply to questions put to her. When asked if she could describe either of her assailants she shook her head in the negative, and by questioning it was learned that she had not seen either of them. She had carefully kept one of her hands pressed across her eyes nearly all the time. When he opened the parlor door to drag her in there he had his head turned away. By the time they were ready to go she was too much agitated and frightened to look at them at all.

The robbers got \$130 in new bills which the old lady had concealed under the mattress of her bed. The robbers went upstairs and went directly to the place where the money was hidden and did not disturb anything else in the room.

The men must have had an accurate knowledge of the affairs of the house, because they waited until everybody but Mrs. Geiser was absent, and then moved boldly as if they knew just how the land lay.

Mrs. Geiser does not recollect telling any one where she hid her money and neither her son nor the hired girl knew anything of it whereabouts. The old lady is positive that she has spoken to no one about it nor given

BIG EXPOSE.

Quay Is Hot at Hanna and Will Show
How He Got His
Slush.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11.—It is reported here to-day that the libel suits now pending in Pittsburgh, brought by Chris Magee and Senator Flynn against Senator Quay's son, will result in a public expose of the contributors to the National Republican campaign. It is said that Senator Quay is deeply indignant at Chairman Hanna for testifying in the suits and as a means of getting even he will expose how Hanna's corruption fund was raised and by whom contributed.

In order to do this it is only necessary to call as witnesses some of the men assessed. This will bring out the whole story, Senator Quay left here for Pittsburgh last night.

THE WEATHER FORECAST.



RAIN OR SNOW.

The Weather Bureau forecasts are as follows:

St. Louis and vicinity—Rain or snow Thursday and Friday; little change in temperature.

Missouri and Illinois—Rain in southern, snow or rain in northern portions Thursday night and Friday.

POST-DISPATCH THERMOMETER.

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BURIAL PERMITS.

The following deaths have been reported in the city during the twenty-four hours ending at noon:

FRANK H. KAELING, 32, 1440 South Eighteenth, nephritis.

WM. H. STEWART, 60, 234 Dickson; morphine poisoning.

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TO LEXOW THE WIGGINS FERRY.

INTERSTATE CAR TRANSFER CO.
PETITION THE LEGISLATURE.

WILL ASK AN INVESTIGATION.

They Claim the Ferry Co. and St. Louis
Transfer Co. Are Guilty of
Persistent Discrimination.

The war of the Interstate and Car Transfer Company on the Wiggins Ferry Company is growing hotter day by day. Having fought the Wiggins concern in the courts the Interstate Company is now preparing to take the matter before the Legislature.

Missouri's lawmakers will be asked to investigate the ferry terminals at St. Louis and the manner in which the companies engaged in the ferry business handle the freight consigned to them.

Attorneys John P. Lee and George R. Lockwood, counsel for the Interstate Company, have gone to Jefferson City to lay the claims of the company before the State Legislature.

They are armed with a petition setting forth the Interstate Company's claim that it has been discriminated against by the Wiggins Ferry Company in the transfer of freight.

Messrs. Lee and Lockwood will endeavor to have a commission appointed to come to St. Louis and make a searching investigation along the lines laid down in the petition.

The commission asked for is to consist of ten or more members, one-half to be selected by the Legislature and the other half by the Attorney-General.

If the plan is carried out the commission will have plenary power to summon witnesses and take testimony.

While in Jefferson City Messrs. Lee and Lockwood will present to the Legislature drafts of proposed amendments to the laws governing such common carriers as the Wiggins Ferry Co. and the St. Louis Transfer Co., which is controlled by the Wiggins company. The manner in which it is possible for these companies to discriminate against outsiders in the handling of freight will be set forth and the Legislature will be asked to amend the laws so that such discrimination will be impossible.

Ever since its formation the Interstate Transfer and Car Transfer Co. has been discriminating against the Wiggins Ferry Co. An order was issued by the Interstate company last December and secured a restraining order against the Wiggins Ferry Co. An order was issued by the Interstate company last December and secured a restraining order against the Wiggins Ferry Co.

It was alleged that freight offered for transfer by the Interstate Company was delayed, while shipments offered by the Wiggins Ferry Co. were handled promptly. The Interstate Company charged that last December and secured a restraining order against the Wiggins Ferry Co. An order was issued by the Interstate company last December and secured a restraining order against the Wiggins Ferry Co.

According to the Interstate people these orders did not stop the alleged discrimination, and last Saturday the Interstate Company had the officials and the shipmen of the Wiggins Ferry Co. cited for contempt of court. This case is still pending.

In reference to the steps being taken at Jefferson City, an official of the Interstate Company said Thursday:

"The discrimination against us operates not only against our concern, but against the shippers, especially the manufacturers, of St. Louis."

"We handle all kinds of freight in car load lots and from local mercantile and manufacturing concerns. The Interstate Transfer Co. has been discriminating against us in the handling of freight."

"We believe that the matter is so important as to demand the attention of the Legislature. The St. Louis Transfer Co. is owned by the Wiggins Ferry Co. It is a common carrier and should be governed by the laws governing common carriers. If it is not now violating the law, the law must be defective and should be amended at once."

"At present freight offered by outsiders is handled just as quickly or as slowly as the transfer company sees fit to handle it. The Wiggins Ferry Co.'s freight is handled promptly on all occasions."

The Manufacturers' Association will support the Interstate Co. in its efforts to have the ferry terminals investigated by the Legislature.

LOVELY FIGHT.

Kerens and Warner Putting Up the
Bars to Keep Filleyites Out
of Patronage.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Col. Richard C. Kerens, the "peace giver" of the Republican party of Missouri, arrived here last night and has been in close conference with Maj. William Warner and the anti-Filley Congressmen from Missouri. They have been paring out the patronage, it is said, on strictly anti-Filley lines, but up to this time their "plans" has not been made public. It is certain, however, that the Kerens wing proposes to run things as the price of this harmony that both wings recognize him as the only genuine boss.

Congressman Bartholomew, who has not been invited to any of the Kerens conferences and who would not have attended if he had been invited, said today that there was no use in trying to force the party along the lines indicated by Kerens. The Filley men will not submit to his dictation and that is the issue they will fight out with McKinley.

CHASING A ROBBER.

California Foes' Long Ride After a Highwayman.

KINGMAN, Ariz., Feb. 11.—The chase in pursuit of the train-robber is nearly worn out. The man-hunters followed the trail through snow two feet deep and early yesterday morning closed in on the fugitive about forty miles north of the railroad. The latter was pressed so closely that he abandoned one of the horses and early yesterday morning closed in on the fugitive about forty miles north of the railroad. The latter was pressed so closely that he abandoned one of the horses and early yesterday morning closed in on the fugitive about forty miles north of the railroad.

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DEATHS.

L.—On Wednesday, February 16, at 4:30
p. m., after a short illness, Mary Jane
Bell (nee Nunn), dearly beloved wife of
James Bell, aged 4 years.
Funeral Friday at 2 p. m., from family
residence, 1038 North Market street, to
Bellevue Cemetery. Friends invited
to attend.
New Orleans papers please copy.

S.—On Wednesday, February 16, 1897, at
10 o'clock p. m., John Dickey Evans, be-
lieved husband of Mary A. Evans, aged 39
years.
The funeral will take place Friday,
February 18, at 2 p. m., from his resi-
dence, No. 625 Madison avenue, to Calvary
Cemetery. Friends are invited to
attend.
Deceased was a member of West Gate
Masonic Lodge, No. 1891, Order of the World,
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TRY TO ROB A WEAK OLD MAN.

THIEVES ATTACK GROCER ZIERHOFF AND HIS DAUGHTER.

PISTOLS AT THEIR HEADS.

Plucky Resistance of the Victims at Last Frightens Away the Thugs Empty Handed.

An unusually brutal hold up, of which the victims were a decrepit grocer, 53 years old, and his spinster daughter, was perpetrated Wednesday night at 1212 South Eighth street.

Henry Zierhoff is the grocer at that number and he and his daughter Teresa live in a room back of the store. The daughter assists the old man in looking after business.

Shortly after 8 o'clock Wednesday night the front door bell rang. The old man was preparing to retire and Miss Zierhoff hastened into the store, thinking a customer had entered.

A man with a white handkerchief across the lower part of his face was standing with his back to the door. As Miss Zierhoff entered the store the man advanced. He had a revolver in his hand. Miss Zierhoff turned to flee into the back room, but the man was too quick for her.

He jumped toward her and caught her roughly by the shoulder, placing the revolver against her temple.

Just then two men with revolvers entered the front door. Miss Zierhoff screamed. Her father rushed in from the back room. One of the men jumped toward him and cornered him with his revolver.

The third man went behind the counter and tried to open the money drawer.

Despite his years old man Zierhoff was game. He grappled with the man who had him covered. The next minute the old man and the robber were rolling on the floor. The robber hit the old man twice with the butt of his revolver. Then he dropped the weapon. He tried to pick it up, but the grocer held him with strength born of desperation. Then Mr. Zierhoff kicked the robber into a corner of the room and made a rush for the side door, on Barry street.

He had his hand on the latch when the robber caught him by the shoulders and threw him to the floor. The man rolled around on the floor a second or two. The man finally freed himself and opened the front door. He rushed out of the store, calling for help.

As soon as Mr. Zierhoff left the store the robbers turned the attention to his daughter, who had been screaming all through the encounter. The tall man, with the white handkerchief across his face, commanded her to give up her money. When she refused he searched her. He went through her clothing in a brutally unfeeling way. He found 50 cents in her dress pocket, but did not take it.

The old man was still outside the Barry street door, yelling "Watch! Murder! Police!" as loudly as he could.

This alarmed the robbers. They ran out of the Eighth street entrance and disappeared in the darkness. Mrs. Alice Widmeyer, who lives next door to the store, saw the men run north on Fifth street. She ran to the store and found the grocer and his daughter terribly agitated. They could say that the robbers had entered the store.

Mrs. Widmeyer rushed to the Third District Station, only three blocks away, and notified the police. Special officers went to the store and pried the Zierhoffs with questions while the robbers were making good their escape.

Miss Zierhoff was still greatly excited when a Post-Dispatch reporter called at the store Thursday morning.

"It is a terrible thing," she said, "that robbers should try to hold up an old man and a defenseless woman on a busy street like this. The police did not give up until after 9 o'clock. I think I would know the man who came in first, though his face was partly concealed. He was unusually tall and broad-shouldered and wore a big slouch hat."

"I was so excited when the other two men came in that I have no idea what they looked like except that one of them wore a small slouch hat and the other a derby. They were not masked."

The man who held a gun to my head kept threatening to kill if I did not remain quiet, but I screamed just the same. The men must have been in the store for fifteen minutes. They didn't get anything. The man behind the counter could not open the money drawer. They would not have gotten much if he had. The tall man searched me. He found 50 cents in my dress pocket. He forced me for not having more. He took the money. Then he cursed me again and gave it to the grocer."

Mr. Zierhoff was a pitiable sight Thursday morning. There was a big bump on the right side of his forehead and under his left eye and an ugly bruise on his left cheek. He grumbled and said he told how he had grappled with the robber.

"He would have had me sure if the top button of my vest had not given away. He grabbed me by the vest and tried to pull me toward him. The button broke loose and he staggered back, dropping the gun. I think we are very lucky to be alive this morning. I am feeling pretty good. You see I am not a very young man. I used to be a pretty good fighter. I guess that is why I am in pretty good still."

And the 53-year-old grocer smiled gloomily.

About midnight James Monahan, 23 years old, and Joseph Harvey, 21 years old, were arrested at N. 10th street and 10th and Mountain tracks, on suspicion of being two of the men who tried to rob Zierhoff's grocery. They were charged with being strangers in town. Loaded revolvers were found on each of the prisoners and they will be held for each investigation.

WHO'LL PAY THE DOCTOR?

Vernon B. Cosby, M. D., Gets the Worst of a Fairly Tame Fight.

John D. Kelly, a barber employed by Thomas M. Heffernan on South 8th street, was seized with pneumonia last Saturday. He was attended by Dr. Vernon B. Cosby, who on Tuesday afternoon pronounced him dead. Heffernan started a collection to bury the body and telegraphed Thomas Kelly, father of the dead man, in Jackson, Mich. The funeral was set for 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, but sufficient money had not been raised and Thomas Kelly had telegraphed he was too poor to do anything. The funeral was postponed until 3 o'clock Thursday.

One of Heffernan's customers excitedly entered the barber shop at 6 o'clock Wednesday evening and declared that Kelly was not dead. He said the face was flushed and he gave the man a healthy touch. The man gave the name of John Neun and reported Kelly's as an alias of a suspended animation.

Then he telephoned for Dr. Cosby, who hastened from his office at 2315 Water Tower. He was met at the house, 210 Walnut street, where the body lay, by Dr. Lippe of the Dispensary. After the usual tests both agreed that the man was actually dead. The funeral was held at 3 o'clock, the body being interred in Holy Trinity cemetery.

Dr. Cosby is now searching for the man who telephoned for him, as he can find no one to pay him for his useless trouble. During the excitement occasioned by Neun's claim, a gold pin belonging to one of the roomers in the house disappeared.

CORONER RAPS THE POLICE.

Capt. Joyce Resents the Inference That He and His Men Have Been Indifferent.

William H. Stewart, who was found unconscious in the rear of 135 Washington avenue Tuesday night, and who died soon after, was buried Thursday morning.

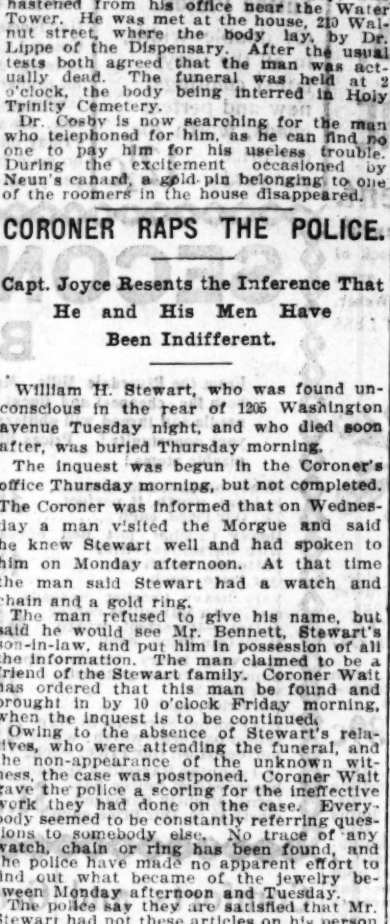
The inquest was begun in the coroner's office Thursday morning, but not completed. The coroner was informed that on Wednesday a man visited the morgue and said he knew Stewart well and had spoken to him on Monday afternoon. At that time the man said Stewart had a watch and chain and a gold ring.

The man refused to give his name, but said he would see Mr. Bennett, Stewart's son-in-law, and put him in possession of all the information. The man claimed to be a friend of the Stewart family. Coroner Wait has ordered that this man be found and brought in by 10 o'clock Friday morning, when the inquest is to be continued.

Owing to the absence of Stewart's relatives, who were attending the funeral, and the non-appearance of the unknown witness, the case was postponed. Coroner Wait gave the police a scolding for the ineffective work they had done on the case of any watch, chain or ring has been found, and the police have made no apparent effort to find out what became of the jewelry between Monday afternoon and Tuesday.

The police say they are satisfied that Mr. Stewart had not these articles on his person when they found him. Capt. Joyce, in whose district the body was found, is indignant at the accusation that he has not done his duty in the premises.

ON HER DOCTOR'S TRACE. Becomes a Well Woman by Taking Paine's Celery Compound.



Mrs. C. C. Newcomb of St. Louis finds herself "a new woman" in the best sense of the word.

An invalid woman is always a bit sadder even than that of an invalid man, because of her greater capacity for suffering.

Neuralgia, backaches, fits of depression and headaches compel her to think or work with half her brain, while the other half throbs as if it would go to pieces. Now I rest easy, sleep well, eat well, and will say that Paine's celery compound has really made me a new woman.

Paine's celery compound is used by physicians in their own homes as well as prescribed to patients suffering from nervous diseases, sleeplessness, neuralgia, rheumatism and a "run-down" condition. It is within the reach of every one.

Its ability to relieve those ills that seem to be peculiarly the misfortune of women is overwhelmingly proven by innumerable testimonials from women of the highest standing in the communities where they live.

Illinois Retail Grocers.

QUINCY, Ill., Feb. 11.—The Illinois Retail Grocers' Association has practically closed its work.

The following officers were elected: Geo. R. Scherer, Peoria, President; C. R. Lott, Chicago, C. E. Landrum, Peoria; T. H. Curtis, Jacksonville, First, Second and Third Vice-Presidents; James R. Lanston, Peoria, Treasurer; George Dalmer, Chicago, Secretary.

Delegates to the national convention, R. H. Liddell, Chicago, and G. S. Connelly, Springfield. The visiting delegates were entertained at a banquet last evening by the local association. The next annual convention will be held in Jacksonville.

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SKULLDOGGERY IN ILLINOIS.

INVESTIGATIONS GALORE ARE ON AT SPRINGFIELD.

THE LATE WEST PARK BOARD.

Rottenness at Chester Prison and the Secretary of State's Office to Be Overhauled.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 11.—There is in the hands of a Representative here a resolution which will be introduced probably on next Tuesday calling for legislative investigation of the affairs of the West Park District of Chicago and the management of the late West Park Board. The resolution, which was prepared in Chicago, makes specific charges not only of mismanagement but also of extravagance and recklessness in the conduct of the park funds in the past few years.

It is said that the park funds of the Chester prison were crowded and that expenses were incurred without regard to the appropriation, and that the institution is heavily in debt. Sensational disclosures are expected when the report of the new Board of Commissioners is made, which is expected to be some time next week.

The investigation of the Secretary of State's office which was suggested in the meeting of the Appropriation Committee recently, will undoubtedly be made.

Resolutions asking for investigations into nearly every one of the State institutions have been prepared by different members of the Legislature, but are being withheld until the reports from these places shall have been received by the Governor.

Complete information regarding the different institutions is not expected until after the report of the new Board of Commissioners is made, which is expected to be some time next week.

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ROBBERY OF ZIERHOFF'S GROCERY.

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Deed of a Love-Crazed Cook.

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There will be an aching void in St. Louis. Take time to-morrow and come to the greatest sale. They are buying our fixtures right from under our goods, and if we don't look sharp our \$100,000 worth of Fine Merchandise will be either on the floor or hanging on the wall. That will never do. To-morrow we will give our store piecemeal to the ladies who will call. The time is growing short, and we would rather have a dollar in money than three or four dollars in goods. If we could be able to sell to 'cents' worth to every man, woman and child in St. Louis we would be satisfied. We don't care what we get for the goods. We have leased our store and must get out. The carpenters are already ordering us out of the way.

COME AND HELP US UNLOAD.

LADIES' JACKETS—All of our \$5.00 and \$6.00 Ladies' Jackets, all good wool cloth, handsomely made and trimmed, at... **\$1.98**

LADIES' \$10.00 ALL-WOOL BOUCLE JACKETS—cut in latest style, newest sleeves... **\$3.98**

MISSIES' AND CHILDREN'S JACKETS—\$2.50 and \$3.50, all-wool, light and dark mixtures, neat and pretty, at... **98c**

SALE OF MILLINERY—10,000 Flowers, Fancy Hat Pins, Colored, White or Black Fancy Feather, Jet and Fancy Ornaments, worth from 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00; take your choice to-morrow at FIVE CENTS.

Children's Caps, Shirts and Waists.

Tam O'Shanter, Stanley, Golf and Eton 50c, 75c and \$1.00 caps... **23c**

Boys' Flannel Shirts, \$1.50 and \$1.00, for... **68c**

Children's "Star" Cochiebo Flannel Shirts and Drawers, \$1.50 quality... **50c**

Children's \$1.50 Canton Flannel Night Shirts... **50c**

Shoes to Be Given Away

For a small fraction of their value.

Ladies' Dongola Button Shoes, in broken sizes, worth up to \$3.50, at... **98c**

Dongola Shoes, all sizes, cut to... **\$1.75**

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Pure Glycerine... Per pound, 25c

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Pure Borax, powdered... Per pound, 10c

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Pure Absorbent Cotton... Per pound, 45c

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Paine's Celery Compound... Per bottle, 75c

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Infants' Straight Sole, Patent Tip, Sizes 1 to 6	50c
Child's Spring Heel, Patent Tip, Sizes 5 to 8	75c
Child's Lace and Button, SPRING HEEL, PATENT TIP, Sizes 8 to 10 1/2	\$1.00
Misses' Lace and Button, Patent Tip, Sizes 11 to 2	\$1.25
Youths' Lace Shoes (new toes), Sizes 11 to 2	\$1.25
Boys' Shoes, All Solid, Sizes 2 1/2 to 5 1/2	\$1.50

All New, Fresh, Clean Shoes. No "Jobs," "Bankrupt,"
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EVERY PAIR STAMPED "BRANDT."

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THE MYSTERY OF A CORPSE.

CHRIS SCHAWACKER IS DODGING
AN EXPLANATION.

TELLS CONFLICTING STORIES.

Albert Hanks' Body Was Turned
Over to Him and Disappeared
in a Suspicious Manner.

After Albert Hanks died City Undertaker
Chris Schawacker got the body. It disap-
peared, and when the dead man's family
called to claim it Schawacker could not—or
at least did not truthfully—explain what dis-
position he had made of it.

The Hanks family wants to know and so
does the Health Department.

Schawacker is believed to have disposed
of the body illegally.

Albert Hanks was the wayward son of a
well-to-do farmer near Patterson, Greene
County, Ill. Ten years ago he came to St.
Louis. He learned the plasterer's trade and
worked at it. For several months before his
death he had not steady work and he
lodged at the Bethel House. He was seen
to the City Hospital Jan. 28 and died Jan.
29.

It is customary to hold bodies at the
institution seven or two hours. If then they
are not claimed they are turned over to the
Anatomical Board, to be distributed among
medical colleges for dissection.

Hanks' body was kept until Feb. 3. On
that day Schawacker obtained the death
certificate at the Mortuary Office. He took
it to the hospital and got the body.

Last Friday he obtained from Mortuary
Clark Dr. Conroy a permit to ship
the body to New York.

Hanks had gone to New York to look
after his relatives in Greene County had
not heard directly from him.

His aged parents had not forgotten him.
They scanned the papers eagerly, hoping
and fearing that they would find news of
him.

Tuesday his old mother for the thousandth
time turned to the burial permits
in the Post-Dispatch. Half way down the
list was the name of her son. She faintly
and has since been prostrated by grief.

William H. Hanks, Albert's brother, tele-
graphed to Supt. Sutter of the City Hospital
asking what disposition had been made of
the body. Dr. Sutter wired back that
Schawacker had buried it.

Accompanied by his brother-in-law, Ed-
ward Nicholson, William Hanks came to
St. Louis Wednesday.

They went to Schawacker's livery stable,
418 South Third street. Schawacker
met them. He was ready very sorry, but
he had to inform them that the body had
been sent to the Medical College. "The law
in this State, you know," said he, "does
not claim within seventy-two hours after
disposition of it that you," said he.

"But can't we reclaim it?" the brother
asked.

"Oh, no," said Mr. Schawacker. "It is out
up long before this."

Nicholson said if that was the law he
supposed they could do nothing more, but
Hanks did not like the looks of things.

He became more mistrustful when

Schawacker expatiated on the wonders to be
seen at the National Stock Yards, in East
St. Louis. He suggested they could get
there and see the sights, taking the train
for home on the East Side.

They went to the mortuary office in the
City Hall. There they found that the ship-
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story and an investigation was instituted.

A Post-Dispatch reporter accompanied the
men back to Schawacker's stable. He
was not in. His bookkeeper, Arthur
Wheeler, said he had never seen the body
and knew nothing of it.

Dr. Sutter told them that Schawacker
had no authority to dispose of a body, and
suggested he might have taken it to the
Morgue.

They visited the Morgue, but the body
was not there and there was no record
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of the Busted Boston Store Stock
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RECORDLESS OF REAL VALUE

The Biggest Friday in the History of "The Fair" Will
Be this Friday in the Sale of Busted Boston Store
Stock, and These Are the Sort of Bargains to Make It So!

A Cinch in Corsets.
An odd lot of Boston Store Corsets, not one in the lot over sold under \$2.00. Including a superb lot of fine silk Corsets (W. C. G.), which they sold at \$4.00—will be slaughtered Friday at \$1.50 for the best, and the cheapest so at..... **23c**

An Odd Lot of Dress Goods
COMPRISING
Wool Challies.....
Henrietta Cloths, 25 inches wide.....
Novelty Serges, in light shades.....
Double-fold Plaids, etc., which Boston Store sold up to \$2.00 a yard. "The Fair" throws into one big lot Friday at..... **5c**

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36-inch Wool Henriettes.....
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Plaid—Fancy Plaids in rough effects, etc., which Boston Store sold up to \$2.00 a yard. "The Fair" throws into one big lot Friday at the amazing price of..... **9c**

An Odd Lot of High-Grade Wool Dress Goods, comprising
40-inch Pompadour Suitings.....
A lot of broken sizes in dark shades.....
40-inch All-Wool Novelty Plaids.....
Fancy Novelty Mixtures, etc., which Boston Store sold up to \$2.00 a yard. "The Fair" throws into one big lot Friday at the laughable price of..... **19c**

An Odd Lot of Silks, SUCH AS
Fille Francaise, 25 inches wide.....
All-Silk Gros-Grains, in dark colors.....
Fancy Figured Taffetas, including a few pieces of Fancy French Fines, which Boston Store sold up to \$2.00 a yard. "The Fair" throws into one big lot at..... **30c**

Blanket Bargains.
An odd lot of single silver-gray Blankets—each Boston Store sold at 40c each; Friday at..... **19c**

An odd lot of single Blankets—each Boston Store sold at 40c each; Friday at..... **15c**

An odd lot of 10-quarter extra heavy gray Blankets—each Boston Store sold at \$1.50 per pair; Friday at..... **69c**

Towelings.—All linen, which Boston Store sold from 84c to 1.00 a yard. "The Fair" sells Friday at..... **42c**

TURKISH TOWELS.—Pretty colored and designs, suitable for throws, bedspreads, etc., which Boston Store sold at 12c each. Friday at..... **4c**

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